



WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NURSERY NEWS  
6<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

By the time you have received this newsletter, we will have experienced our Winter Festival Day along with celebrating St Nicholas Day!

This week all of our activities and learning have been based around Christmas. We have had a very efficient Christmas production line, making tree decorations and taking part in activities based around Saint Nicholas.

Our Winter Festival has been a great success, with everyone very excited when Father Christmas made a much anticipated visit this morning. There was so much they wanted to talk to him about, but being such a very busy time of the year, Father Christmas left a small gift, before rushing off to meet other children across the school. We also gave him our Christmas request lists.

After hot chocolate and marshmallows, we went along to listen to Christmas Tales read by Adam Schumacher, where the children enjoyed listening to a story about Oscar the Unicorn.

Throughout the day, children had so much fun taking part in our own organised games and activities, which we planned and held within our Nursery classroom. These included Hook a duck, Find where Father Christmas has hidden the presents, Name the Teddy, Reindeer magic food, the Lucky Christmas Tree, Find the Snowman's Christmas Nose, Surprise raffle and the ever popular Adopt a Teddy. All of the children experienced every game and collected their prizes inside their Christmas bag.

### **Saint Nicholas Day**

As part of our Autumn, Winter festivals theme, we have been finding out about Saint Nicholas. On the 6<sup>th</sup> December, many Western Christian countries celebrate St Nicholas Day, when chocolate coins, candy canes, fruit and small gifts are placed in shoes left out the night before. For some areas of the world, St Nicholas Day is celebrated like Christmas Day, when families have a special meal together and give and receive gifts.

We took part in this tradition by placing our wellington boots under the Christmas tree in anticipation that St Nicholas may visit. There were many excited faces this morning, when they discovered small bags of treats inside our boots!

### **Important reminders**

Please read the following information to ensure that you are aware of the changes taking place on Thursday and Friday.

#### **Dress rehearsal**

Our dress rehearsal will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. **If your child does not usually attend a Thursday morning session, please come along to the school gate for 10.00am. Once your child has had the opportunity to practise, they can be collected at 11.30am. They need to be in full school uniform.**

This will be the only time that all of the children will be able to practise together, before you come along and watch.

**On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, we will be performing our Christmas Nativity at 9.15am in the big hall. Please bring your child into school at **8.35am** prompt, in full school uniform. This is to enable us to dress all of the children into their costumes. Please do not send any bags, just lunches if your child stays for lunch

At the end of the performance, we will return to the classroom and those children who do not usually attend on a Friday, can be collected from the Nursery gate once they are changed.

### **Christmas party**

Our Nursery/Reception Christmas party will take place during the afternoon of 16<sup>th</sup> December. All of the children are invited to come along dressed in their party clothes, to enjoy some festive fun and games. Those children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Monday afternoon can come along for 1.30pm and be collected at 3.25pm.

### **Christmas cards**

Our Christmas card post box is now situated in the classroom, where your child can post a festive greeting to their peers. Your child has made a gift bag, which they are collecting their cards in ready to bring home to open.

If you have any questions about any of the above or any other queries, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs M Sims  
Nursery Class Teacher